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### Box Amendment

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In re application of: Akhverdian et al.  
Application. No.: 10/673,786  
Filing Date: September 30, 2003  
Atty. Docket No. US-115  
Title: Method for Producing L-Threonine Using Bacterium  
Belonging to the Genus Escherichia

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. Please find enclosed:

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- ☐ PTO-1449: \_\_\_\_\_ pages.
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Respectfully submitted,



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